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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Neirynck et al.  
Application No. : 09/498,046  
Confirmation No. : 8244  
Filed : February 4, 2000  
For : IMMUNOPROTECTIVE INFLUENZA ANTIGEN AND  
ITS USE IN VACCINATION  
Group Art Unit : 1648  
Examiner : Stacey B. Chen

New York, New York  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO JULY 21, 2005 FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This responds to the July 21, 2005 Office Action, which action was made final.

Applicants have petitioned concurrently herewith to extend the time for a response to this action for three (3) months up to and including January 21, 2006 (a Saturday) and paid the required fee. 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17(a)(3), 1.136(a)(1). Thus, this response is timely filed on the following Monday, January 23, 2006.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.